

## **Weekly Status & Information Report: February 20 - 24, 2012**

### **1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of February 27, 2012:**

- City Council meeting, Monday, February 27, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Ethics Commission meeting, Monday, February 27, 8 p.m. in the Rose Room (the meeting will include an administrative function session)
- Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- Takoma Junction Task Force meeting, Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Redistricting Task Force meeting, Wednesday, February 29, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- Police Employees' Retirement Plan Committee meeting, Thursday, March 1, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact [JessieC@takomagov.org](mailto:JessieC@takomagov.org) to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

**2. Employee Appreciation Day:** On Wednesday, February 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the City of Takoma Park will be celebrating its annual Employee Appreciation Day in honor of its staff. The City will not be open during this time and passport services will be suspended, as well. The Library will open at 1:00 p.m. instead of noon. And, as always, the Police Department will stay open. For questions, please call Peggye Washington at 301-891-7230, or email at [peggyew@takomagov.org](mailto:peggyew@takomagov.org). *(Office of Administration)*

**3. Informational Meeting New Façade Easement Program - Tuesday, February 28:** The City of Takoma Park is pleased to introduce the Façade Easement Program, which provides matching funds to business and property owners for physical improvements to building exteriors and their surroundings. The downloadable application document outlines the eligible areas in the city and types of improvements covered in the program: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/documents/newsfeed/2012%20Facade%20Easement%20Application%20&%20Map.pdf>. An information session will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 28 in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2012. For more information, contact Erkin Ozberk at (301) 891-7213 or [ErkinO@takomagov.org](mailto:ErkinO@takomagov.org). *(Housing and Community Development)*

**4. New Ave Social - Wednesday, February 29:** Join us next week for the New Ave Social, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 29, at Tiffin Indian Kitchen, 1341 University Boulevard. Meet your neighbors, chat about City initiatives on the New Ave, and sample tasty treats from India. Snacks are on us, conversation is on you! <http://thenewave.com/do/new-ave-social4>. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**5. February 29 Deadline to Apply for Home Repairs - Mission Serve Housing Project:** Takoma Park is collaborating with Mission Serve, a non-profit organization, to assist in the rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes this summer. Projects are developed in partnership with the homeowner and range from roof repairs and accessibility improvements to painting and the removal of overgrowth and debris. The work is done by volunteers under the supervision of qualified construction staff and at no cost to the homeowner. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds have been allocated for this effort and as such, participation in the program is limited to income eligible households (1 person \$49,200; 2 person \$56,200, etc). We anticipate assisting 20-25 homeowners in this effort. Don't delay-application deadline is February 29. Call 301-891-7222 for an application and further information. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**6. Tenant Rights Class - March 14:** The Takoma Park landlord-tenant staff will be sponsoring a free class on Wednesday, March 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Learn more about your rights regarding security deposits, entry into your rental unit, notices to vacate, repairs to your unit and more. Pre-registration is requested by calling 301-891-7215. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**7. DHCD staff Attends Symposium "The Future of Housing in Montgomery County:"** A symposium on the future of housing in Montgomery County, sponsored by Montgomery Housing Partnership and their Circle of Builders took place on February 22 and was well attended. Speakers included Lisa Sturtevant, a research professor from George Mason, Richard Nelson, Jr. Director of Montgomery County's Department of Housing and Community Affairs and David Flanagan, Principal and President of Elm Street Development Inc. The discussion included a look at Professor Sturtevant's statistics regarding the housing needs in the DC area and what Montgomery County has accomplished and can do in the future to address those needs. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**8. Ongoing Exhibits at the Community Center:** Be sure to stop by the Takoma Park Community Center this next week to check out the art! There are three ongoing exhibits currently on display: "Works on Paper," collages and drawings by Katie Del Kaufman (Atrium Gallery); "Lucid Dreamer," the world-like dreams of surrealist painter Jawara Blake (Corridor Gallery); and in Gallery 3, the drawings and watercolors of the Recreation Department's After School art class created under the direction of Katie Del Kaufman. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**9. Afternoon Addition Goes Swimming:** On Thursday, Afternoon Addition resumed its weekly swim at the Piney Branch Pool. All 15 kids that participated had a blast and were excited to be back in the water. Afternoon Addition visits the pool on Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. for freestyle swim. *(Recreation)*

**10. Fun Day Program:** On Friday, March 30, Fun Day participants will be visiting the Hammond-Harwood House in Annapolis MD. The Hammond-Harwood House is known as the Jewel of Annapolis. This Colonial house has been preserved and kept intact

since 1774. Spaces are limited and filling up fast as this is the final 'Fun Day' event of the school year. Program is open to girls and boys ages 5-12. Participants will meet at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave.) at 8:30 a.m. The fee is \$35 for Takoma Park residents and \$45 for all non-residents. A non-perishable lunch must be provided with each child. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at (301) 891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

11. **Free Tax Service for Seniors:** The Wednesday, February 15 free tax service day was very popular with seniors who filled all the appointment time slots. The Takoma Park Recreation Department is partnering with AARP and the Montgomery County RSVP to bring this free tax aide program to Takoma Park seniors. The next tax-aide day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14. To schedule an appointment, call the AARP Appointment Office at 240-777-2577. For more information about this service, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, at PaulaL@takomagov.org or 301-891-7280. *(Recreation)*

12. **Seniors On The Move:** Fabulous day trips are planned for Takoma Park seniors this year beginning this spring with two trips in March 2012. Seniors will travel by Recreation Bus to Strathmore Music Center in Bethesda, MD, and the National Museum of Women in the Arts (to celebrate Women's History Month) in Washington, DC. Registration begins March 1, 2012. For more information about senior trips, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, at PaulaL@takomagov.org or 301-891-7280. *(Recreation)*

13. **Teen Trip:** This past Wednesday, February 24, the Teen Program alongside M.A.N.U.P received tickets for a Washington Wizards game at the Verizon Center. As a result, eight teens were able to experience a professional basketball game; for many of these teens, this was their first time attending an NBA game (Sacramento Kings vs. Washington Wizards). The Washington Wizard Public Relations staff recognized the Takoma Park teens by showing them on the jumbo-tron and then upgraded their seats to the floor; the teens were overwhelmed with joy. *(Recreation)*

14. **Teen Ski Club:** It's the Recreation Teen programs' second to last trip for the Ski and Snowboard Club. On Saturday February 25, the teens will be heading to Liberty Mountain or White Tail Ski Resort; Teens will choose, by majority, which resort they will go to. Through dedication and the willingness to try new things, two teens who started out as beginners on our first trip have now made it to the intermediate slopes; they are getting better at skiing each trip. *(Recreation)*

15. **2012 Winter Basketball League' Comes to an End:** This Saturday, for most divisions, the 2012 Winter Basketball League season will come to an end. Award Certificates will be handed out to coaches to distribute to players for participation in the league. As a recap, over 600 youth from Takoma Park or the surrounding areas, were able to participate in a non-competitive league that emphasized team play in a community atmosphere. A big thanks goes out to all of the volunteer coaches for their efforts this season. Note: Takoma Park Middle School games will have one more week for games (as noted on the schedule). *(Recreation)*

16. **Officers in Meetings:**

- On February 22 and 23, Chief Ricucci attended the Police Executive Research Forum's conference in Washington, D.C., on Use of Force and the use of tasers. The conference highlighted Takoma Park Police Department's training program.
- On February 24, Chief Ricucci met with Major Brown, Commander of the Hyattsville District Prince George's County Police, to discuss mutual issues. *(Police)*

17. **Officers in Training:**

- On February 13-16, Pfc. Eric Mueller attended training entitled "Crisis Intervention Team Training" at the Montgomery County Crisis Center in Rockville, Maryland.
- On February 14 and 16, 2012, various sworn personnel attended Defensive Tactics Training in Takoma Park, Maryland. *(Police)*

18. **Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):**

- On February 21, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted morning business checks in the 1100/1300 blocks of University Boulevard, 7600/7500/7400 blocks of New Hampshire Avenue, 8600 block of Flower Avenue and 7200/7300 blocks of Carroll Avenue. She followed up with interested parties for Neighborhood Watch and currently has established one group since the initiative. She also met with the community services officer for the Gaithersburg Police Department to discuss the success of their junior police academy program.
- On February 23, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted morning business checks in the 7600/7500/7400/6900/6800/6400/6300 blocks of New Hampshire Avenue, 6900/6800 blocks of Laurel Avenue, and 7000/6900 blocks of Carroll Avenue. *(Police)*

19. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (February 17-23, 2012) may be viewed online at: [http://cathypelevy.blogspot.com/2012/02/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_23.html](http://cathypelevy.blogspot.com/2012/02/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_23.html). *(Police)*

20. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 129 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, five vehicle impounds, one arrest from traffic, and one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic.

*During February 17-18, 2012, the following details were completed:*

February 17, 2012

- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and two warnings.
- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued six State citations.

- 7500 block of New Hampshire Avenue (no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.

February 18, 2012

- 7500 block of New Hampshire Avenue (no u-turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation.  
(Police)

**21. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):**

Week of February 17-23, 2012

State Citations issued: 48

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 3

Warnings: 1

Warrant Service: 1

Court: 4.5 hours

(Police)